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Election Time, Nov. 6.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

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For State Judge: ROBERT W. ARCHBOLD,

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For Register of Wills: WILLIAM S. HOPKINS,

For Jury Commissioner: T. J. MATTHEWS,

Election Time, Nov. 6.

WE DID NOT expect any representative
of any paying company to admit,
in a signed letter for publication, that
he had offered bribes to public officials,
in Pittston, or elsewhere. Neverthe-
less, Mr. Furman, THE TRIBUNE'S
article of yesterday still stands. We
are reporting, not fancies, but facts.

An Awkward Straddle.

It is an interesting fact that no Demo-
crat has ever been a candidate for
congress in this district upon the na-
tional platform of his party. The mo-
ment one is nominated, he rushes pell
mell to the newspapers with the in-
formation that he is just as good a
protectionist as the other fellow, only
he doesn't say so with quite so much
emphasis. Mr. Amerman, it will be
recalled, treated the Eleventh district
to one of these bluffs; and had no
sooner taken his seat at Washington
than he was bobbing up to vote for
free wool.

Judge Merrifield says he is a "Pro-
tection Democrat." The exact mean-
ing of this is, we suppose, that he is in
favor of a protection law but opposed
to its enforcement. If he is a protec-
tionist, he is by so much no Democrat.
If he is a Democrat, he is by so much
no protectionist. The two things are
as different as day is from night. There
is no honest compromise between them.
A shifty band of political pre-
stigators may try to make the people
believe that they can successfully ride
the two horses of this dilemma,
but the artifice is a thin one. Demo-
cracy means war to the knife on all
vestiges of protection. So its platform
says and so its orators proclaim,
in those districts where it is yet the fash-
ion to tell the truth. He that is not
for protection is against it. He that
is against it cannot be for it.

Judge Merrifield is personally too
honorable a gentleman to willingly
place his party in the indefensible
position of straddling this question.
It is his custom to speak out plainly,
himself; and before he signifies his
formal acceptance of last Tuesday's
compulsory nomination he ought, in
justice to the party behind him, to tell
flatly that he is a protectionist, and
therefore, to that extent a Republican,
and that he will only consent to re-
main upon the Democratic ticket upon
he expressed understanding that it
an not get a genuine Democrat to
take the nomination. This might not
improve his chances of election, but it
would preserve his honor and conserve
his self respect.

It would also obviate a most awk-
ward straddle.

The Future of Silver.

In the recent withdrawal of Sena-
tor John P. Jones, of Nevada, from
the Republican party, those persons who
believed that with the repeal of the
Sherman silver purchase clause cur-
rency legislation came to a long stand-
still have been supplied with a subject
for serious consideration. Senator
Jones is one of the ablest men in public
life. Upon his special subject of free
silver coinage he is a walking encyclo-
pedia of patiently acquired and extra-
ordinarily ample knowledge. It is not
credible that he should have taken
the step which he did take without
careful thought and deliberation. We
do not doubt that he feels disappointed
with the Republican party's course re-
garding silver as a money metal; and
that, in this feeling, he is representative
of a large number of earnest and con-
scientious men throughout the west,
men heretofore in sympathy with Re-
publican principles and glad to be en-
rolled among the volunteer soldiers of
the Republican cause.

We do not find provocation to flip-
pancy in the loss of comrades like
these. We cannot bring ourselves

around to the radical belief that they
are less honest and less patriotic than
the inhabitants of other states. From
our standpoint they are mistaken;
judged at this distance they have acted
unwisely. But we will not wantonly
abuse them for it. We prefer instead
to ask them if they perceive at any
point in the chain of Democratic events
such a superior knowledge of states-
manship and such a ripe capacity for
enlightened political action as would
justify them in weakening the cause of
Republicanism by a desertion which
must inevitably aid the other side.
Let it even be assumed that the masses
of the Republican party today entertain
beliefs inimical to free coinage. Is
the prospect of continued Democratic
administration more auspicious for the
prosperity of the silver states than the
return to power of intelligent and rea-
sonable Republicans, upon whom
manly argument and rational explana-
tion are seldom lost?

The position of the great majority of
the rank-and-file of the Republican
party upon this coinage question may
be expressed without recourse to be-
wildering figures or recondite discus-
sion. It is one not of preconceived
hostility to silver, but simply of pro-
found regard for the honor and stabili-
ty of a currency "every dollar of
which," in the forceful words of Gen-
eral Harrison, "shall be the purchas-
ing equal of every other dollar," and
have behind it, if necessary, the equiva-
lent of a dollar in real value. We, in
the east, do not believe it to be feasible
to open the nation's mints to the silver
of the world; but few of us are so in-
sincere in our devotion to protection
as to wish ill fortune to come to
the silver produced in American
mines by American capital giving em-
ployment to American labor. The
use of silver as a money metal, up to
the limit of the safety of the national
credit and up to the limit of the solv-
ency of the American treasury, is
conceded to be wise, right and proper;
but we submit, for the consideration
of our western friends, that this limit
will be sooner reached under Demo-
cratic supremacy than it will be under
the wise control of experienced and
prudent Republican statesmen, to
whom the formulating of progressive
financial legislation is not an impos-
sible task.

The Talk of a Socialist.

The Philadelphia Record, of which
William M. Singler, Democratic candi-
date for governor of Pennsylvania, is
chief proprietor, finds itself under a
cross fire because of its attempt to
justify the Democratic effort to bring
about free raw materials. The Record
first quotes this assertion of THE
TRIBUNE:

Free iron ore means absolutely no good
to Scranton. The Lackawanna Iron and
Steel company gets its ore from the Corn-
wall ore bank in Lebanon county; and
the removal of the duty on imported ore,
if it shall affect the local iron industry at
all, will affect it by depreciating the value
of its Lebanon properties. Free lumber
means depreciated values to the large
timber interests of Scranton milling capi-
tal in Potter county, besides hurting the
farmers of Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and
Bradford. Free coal means the loss of
anthracite's seaboard industrial market,
and free wool, unless soon changed, will
mean the extinction of the sheep-growing
industry in the agricultural counties ad-
joining us, and the readjustment of our
textile industries on a lower wage basis
in order to ward off the costly rivalry of
German competitors in the knit goods
market.

Then it makes the following reply:
Out of the 150,000 people who live in
Lackawanna county there are probably
not 500 who make a specialty of raising
wool to sell. They are not so foolish as to
attempt to compete on their valuable
acres against the herders of Texas and
the territories, and of Australia, Argen-
tina and South Africa, who have the ad-
vantage of cheap lands, and who control
the markets of the world. But every one
of the 150,000 are interested in the lower-
ed price and better quality of woollens.
They all wear clothes, and most of them
sleep under blankets. For like reasons,
the large majority of the people of
Lackawanna county will find their advantage
in the cheaper shelter and larger means
of comfort resulting from free lumber,
free iron ore, free coal, instead of
creating the market for bituminous coal
and iron ore for the Pennsylvania
product in lower Canada. The abundance
of bituminous coal in nearly every part
of the middle, western and southern states
is a fact that tariff rates do not alter.
The competition between anthracite and
bituminous coals cannot be mitigated or
prevented. But free iron ore, by stimu-
lating and cheapening the cost of iron pro-
duction in eastern Pennsylvania, would
be of large advantage to the producers
of both hard and soft coal. It would set
some of our prostrate steel works going
again, to the advantage of the coal pro-
ducers of Lackawanna county. The
SCRANTON TRIBUNE probably lets the cat
out of the bag when it says that a few
owners of ore beds and timber tracts in
Scranton would not find free iron ore or
free lumber favorable to their special in-
terests. The great corporations which
gather the timber and the coal fields, and
which manage to make dear the commonest necessities of
living, find ready trumpeters and de-
fenders in the journals quoted. They have
the audacity sometimes to turn up the
whites of their eyes and pretend that they
are speaking as the champions of labor.
Out with them! They cannot forever fool
the people, even the anthracite people for
whom they so confidently speak.

It is interesting to note, first, that
cheaper clothing is of little benefit to
the man who has no money with which
to buy it. The object of the German
knit goods manufacturer who competes
at low prices with the woollen goods
made, for example, in the woollen mill
in this city will have been attained
when, after having discouraged wool
growing in the United States, he shall
have the Scranton woollen mill at his
mercy and can raise prices at pleasure.
Thus, we shall have two results,
neither of which is desirable. We
shall have the wool growing and the
wool manufacturing done in a remote
country, and we shall not have either
the low prices now promised or the
wages with which to pay those prices,
whether they be low or high.

We desire to note secondly that
Lackawanna county cannot well be
prosperous while the various indus-
tries within its borders or conducted
by men who live within those borders
are not prosperous. Lumbering is one
of these interests. The Scranton
capital which is invested, for instance,

in Potter county timber lands
has as good a right to make
a profit as has the English capi-
tal invested in Canadian timber
lands. We would prefer, any day,
to see an American industry prosper
rather than a foreign industry, if it is
necessary that either should suffer.
Let Canada take care of herself. We
live in America. Our markets and our
interests are here. The duty of Ameri-
can legislation is to look after the wel-
fare of Americans. Canada's interests
should be a secondary consideration.

If the removal of the duty on lum-
ber shall make some homes cheap, it
will just as surely make other homes
dear. The thousands of men in the
northeastern counties of Pennsylvania
whose sole means of livelihood is con-
nected with the prosperity of the
American lumber trade will not be
comforted, in the hour of that indus-
try's depression and of their own idlen-
ess, by the reflection that some fellow
workman, in another state, saves a
dollar or two on a pile of raw lumber.
The same hand that is raised to strike
the lumberman may at any moment
descend upon the other workman, cri-
pling him, too, in his opportunities
for gaining a livelihood.

In the matter of coal the Record has
been refuted by its own party which,
with all its concessions to syndicates
and trusts, at the last moment did not
dare to say to the coal producers of
America: "We are indifferent to you
and your welfare, we prefer the wel-
fare of the coal producers of Nova
Scotia." The Democratic party, in
repudiating reciprocity, destroyed its
one chance of "securing a special field
for the Pennsylvania product in Lower
Canada." It wanted to give Canada
everything and ask Canada for noth-
ing in return. The Canadian duty on
American bituminous coal is not fixed
at Washington, unfortunately, but at Ot-
tawa. It is our humble belief, founded
upon some knowledge of conditions
hereabouts, that the Lackawanna coun-
ty miner would rather have the fuel of
the Atlantic seaboard mined in Penn-
sylvania than to have it mined in Cape
Breton; he would rather get the wages
for mining it than to have those wages
paid to Canadian half breeds and
Cunnecks.

We are glad, in conclusion, that the
"cat" is "out of the bag"—if thereby
the Record means that this newspaper
is for home interests first—and we are
not at all ashamed of having let the
animal out. We do not find it neces-
sary in making political arguments to
assume that "the great corporations,"
which turn the wheels of Lackawanna
county's industries and provide the
only employment there is for thou-
sands of Lackawanna county's citizens,
are necessarily a pack of bandits and
extortionists; but even if we believed
that they were all of this, we should
still turn ourselves to home bandits
and home extortionists in preference to
being "held up" by the corporation
bandits of some other country. We
think, if the worst came to the worst,
that we could make better terms with
the robbers that we know, and are
neighbors to, than we could with entire
strangers, who want to spend their
stolen riches in a foreign clime.

Mr. Singler's argument is that of a
socialist. It is unworthy the man
and the theme.

THE ESTEEMED Washington Post
should beware of the explanation gun.
It is generally loaded.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Assistant Postmaster General Jones
has abolished the La Plume post office
because certain citizens, who were
dissatisfied with the postmaster
at that place had boycotted the
office. Upon account of the action of b y-
coters Mr. Jones, like Debs, thinks that
innocent people should be put to in-
convenience, and regards the humble peti-
tions of La Plume citizens who wish the office
restored as the cunningest piece of the
trick of La Plume. Jones, like many other in-
dividuals clothed with feeble authority,
seems to imagine that the people in every
instance are servants of the office-holder.
The forcing of obnoxious post offices
from an unbiased view of the situation it
would seem that the taxpayers of La
Plume had some rights that even the Bour-
bon administration was bound to respect.
The forcing of obnoxious post offices
of this system of rewarding party men-
ment. The unpopular individual in rural
districts who could not be elected by vote
of the people to the office of the rural
supervisor, is often flattered in the faces
of disgraced citizens of his own opposing
political faith under the patronage system
whereby wire pullers of greater or less
degree are enabled to cancel their in-
debtedness for some cringing favor of the
past. The appointment of a postmaster
in defiance to the wishes of a larger class
of patrons of the office, for the purpose of
rewarding a higher official who has claim
upon the patronage, is a shameful abuse of
power that only finds parallel in lands
where rulers govern by "divine right."

This year's Small, the hand book which
is indispensable to students of Pennsylv-
ania politics, has been received with the
compliments of Lieutenant Governor Wat-
res. The compilation of it reflects great
credit upon Thomas B. Cochran, former
chief clerk of the senate. It would be
difficult to guess what is not found in this
neatly bound manual. The complete text of
the new ballot law, with ample returns of
the last February election and all other in-
formation bearing on state politics thoroughly
revised to date are noteworthy features.
We casually detect one error. In the list
of city school superintendents, Professor
W. H. Hockenberry, of Carbondale, is
credited to Chambersburg, and John J.
Forbes, of Chambersburg, to Carbondale.
But in the main the volume is a model of
accuracy and crisp condensation, and
every citizen should have and study a copy
with care.

The election in Maine of every Republi-
can candidate for state senator and all
but four members of the state house of
representatives is a hint to Pennsylvania
that should not be forgotten in the Twen-
tieth senatorial and four Lackawanna
legislative districts.

There is renewed talk of a new paper in
Wilkes-Barre, to champion Democratic
principles, but in view of the coming
deluge it would clearly be money wasted.

Ohio Democrats are in a quandary. The
friends of Senator Brice say that if the
Democratic state convention next week
adopts resolutions condemning him or his
course against the Wilson bill he will at
once resign. This would lose the Demo-
crats one vote in the senate, as Governor

McKinley would appoint a Republican.
The governor would have the filling of the
vacancy entirely in his power, as the
general assembly has adjourned since the
last cannot assemble except upon the
governor's call.

Colonel Breckinridge's fate will be de-
cided at today's primaries with possibly a
supplementary decision or two in Novem-
ber and after death.

Tom Reed will begin his argument in
the supplementary proceedings about a
week from Tuesday, in Gotham.

Judge Merrifield's obedience to party
duty would be very touching, if it were
not also so very funny.

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market that are not White Lead,
composed largely of Barytes and
other cheap materials. But the
number of brands of genuine

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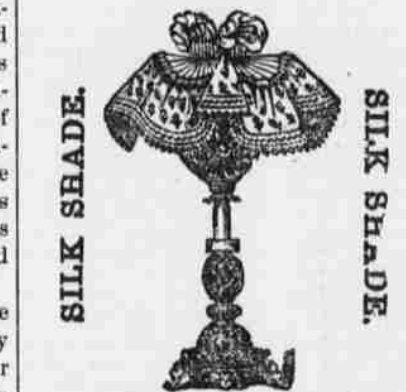
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